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Mrs. Terri Glaze
Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Room 8-C432
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mrs. Glaze:

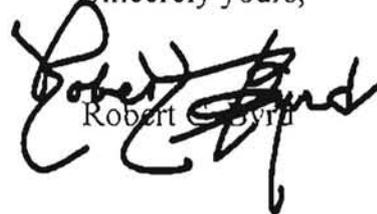
Please see the enclosed correspondence from my constituents regarding the application filed by Frontier Communications Corporation and Verizon Communications, Inc. for assignment or transfer of control (WC Docket No. 09-95).

I would appreciate your filing this correspondence as part of the record of public comment in this proceeding and providing all due consideration to my constituents' concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Byrd

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Enclosures

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

United States Senate

Washington, DC
20510

Dear Sen. Byrd:

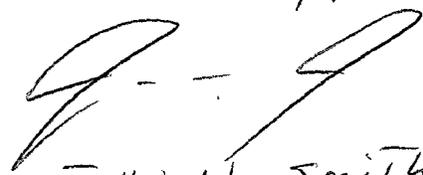
I live in Clarksburg, WV and am a member of The Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon - Frontier Deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I currently am employed as a member of The WV State Police and have served the citizens of WV for the last fifteen years. I have concerns that the sale of Verizon in WV will result in future job losses and a decline in customer service for our residents. The deal between Verizon and Frontier appears to only be an agreement for Verizon to take advantage of a tax loophole and keep 3.3 billion tax free dollars -

We in CWA are asking you to do two things. First, please introduce legislation that will close the reverse Morris Trust tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that put workers and consumers at risk.

Second, we hope you will take the lead in this issue and get the West Virginia delegation in the Senate and the House to oppose this risky deal. Verizon and Frontier are looking out for themselves, we need you to look out for us.

Sincerely,



JOHN W. SMITH JR
179 Buena Vista Ave
Clarksburg, WV
26307

wvta-president@yahoo.com

6-19-09

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Charleston WV^{area} and work for Verizon. I am also a member of CWA (Communication Workers of America). I am very concerned about the Verizon/Frontier sale and I am needing your help in protecting West Va. and help in saving my job and my fellow employees jobs. We are all worried about our jobs and what kind of cut-backs are going to happen if this sale goes through. Myself, I do not want to face unemployment, nor can I afford to. I am proud of my job and the services we provide to the residents of West Va. and I want to be able to continue doing so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs will suffer throughout West Va. We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We need your help. The people of West Va. need your support! Please

listen to our pleas and help us to
keep our jobs in West. Va.

Regina Shelton
REGINA Shelton
819 COAL RIVER Rd.
ST. ALBANS, WV
25177

Dear Senator Byrd,

Hello my name is Michelle McClure, I reside in Charleston, WV & am a member of CWA Local 2001. I am currently employed by Verizon where I work as an Operator.

My family absolutely cannot withstand a job loss. If this were to occur I'm sure my family would be homeless. I'm aware that Frontier has promised to retain employees involved in the VZ sell off through the life of our contract (Aug. 2, 2011) but what then? Job loss &/or 50% decrease in pay for its employees who are/will be expected to assume the costs related to health coverage.

Apparently Verizon has forgotten that we (employees & landline consumers) are the people who made them into the successful company they are today. Are we merely backs 2 break while they climb their way to the top?

I am very much concerned about the

pending sale of Verizon landlines
to Frontier and am wishful in
thinking that the intelligent people
entrusted to make sound decisions
at the PSC & FCC will not approve
this sale/merger. I have reviewed
the previous Verizon sell offs of
their landline/copper customers
& all have resulted negatively
for employees, customers & the
buying company (job loss, decreased
service & Bankruptcy).

Today and everyday that follows
I am asking for your help in any
way that would STOP the sale
whether that be by influencing the
PSC &/or FCC or by passing
legislation to close the tax loophole
known as RMT (Reverse Morris Trust).

Michelle McClure
301 1/2 J. Hunter Rd
Charleston WV 25311

(Michelle L. McClure)

May 25, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I live in Foster, West Virginia and work for Verizon as a cable splicing technician. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal. You have been a great champion for West Virginia and I am asking you for your help.

I am a father of three so job security, health benefits, and compensation are very important to me. A company that takes on a large debt during these bad economic times often will need to cut expenses. This will not only affect me and my family, but all West Virginian families. When a company cuts expenses the quality of service suffers. My co-workers and I take pride in the quality of service we provide West Virginia. If this sale goes forward - we risk losing quality paid jobs and investments in

in West Virginia lack. In today's society technology has become a necessity. Our children are being taught that technology is the future, yet they don't have access to it in their own homes. West Virginia needs to be able to compete in this "Age of Technology." Can you imagine not having high speed internet capabilities?

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce and support legislation that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust.

I am a proud West Virginian. I was born here, educated here, and have plans on working and retiring here. The people of West Virginia need your help and support.

Thank You.

Brundy Barker
Brundy Barker
173 Brookview Drive
Foster, WV 25081

5/22/2009

Senator Robert C Byrd
300 Virginia Street
Suite 2630
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Sen,

I live in Logan and am a member of the CWA (Communications Workers of America). I work for Verizon and have been in Database Management for twelve (12) years.

I and many others are concerned about the recent proposed buying of Verizon by Frontier.

Verizon is still the most technically equipped and highly skilled to provide West Virginia with the best service at a competitive price. We have had some recent delays in providing service to customers who want and more importantly who need our services, but we are still the best company to do this job.

I also am personally concerned about reduction in wages and poor or no quality of benefits. Or even worse, unemployment!

We, in CWA, are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the top loophole (known as the Reverse Morris

Just), we should be encouraging
investment in infrastructure, not
speculative paper transactions
that could put workers at risk.
The people of West Virginia
need your support.

Sincerely hope you are feeling better!

Best wishes and Thank you.
MiMi Ballin

Mimi W Ballin
POB 3
Logan WV 25601
304-752-7549

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington WV 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live and work in Huntington WV. I am employed by Verizon Communications and I am very concerned about the sale of Verizon Lines to Frontier Communications. I'm asking for your help to protect good paying WV jobs and communication growth in WV. No matter what promises Frontier communication makes, they will be saddled with bad ~~debt~~ debt from the sale and unable to improve or grow service in WV. I also feel that Frontier will cut workers to keep from drowning in their debt.

Verizon is going to offload millions in debt in this tax free sale. They are going to abandon thousands of customers that have helped them improve their business in other states.

Other states that have been sold by Verizon are in poor shape. Verizon sold access lines in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii. All of the service providers that bought the lines are either bankrupt or close to it. Is this what we want for WV?

I'm asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax ~~8~~ loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). President Obama promised to help close these tax loopholes that allow big business to operate tax free and offload bad assets. Please help him with this goal. The people of WV need your support!

Sincerely,

Benjamin T. Porterfield III

Benjamin T. Porterfield III

1425 15th St

Huntington WV 25701

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I am a life-long resident of West Virginia and currently reside in Nitro, Putnam County. First, I would like to thank you for your support of worker issues. Now I must ask for your help on the very serious matter of the proposed sale of Verizon West Virginia to Frontier.

As a thirty year member of the Communication Workers of America employed by Verizon, previously Bell Atlantic / B&P Telephone of West Virginia, I am extremely concerned about this proposed deal, everyone should be. Verizon is using this tax subsidized sale to abandon West Virginia employees, consumers, and the commitments they have made to our state. My co-workers and I are proud to deliver quality service to Verizon customers and want to continue to do so.

Verizon wants to walk away from the employees that helped build this company, take the profitable wireless spectrum, \$3 billion dollars in profit, and saddle Frontier with \$3 billion dollars in debt, which Frontier can not afford. Examples of Verizon's other "stellar deals" that they have highly touted

as wonderful for employees and consumers as:
Hawaii, which resulted in bankruptcy, and Fairpoint
which is on the verge of bankruptcy:

We, CWA, are asking you to introduce legislation
that will close the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole
that has allowed Verizon to discard employees and
treat consumers as an inconsequential hindrance.

Please stand up for us and act strongly to
protect West Virginia. We want to keep good
quality jobs in West Virginia. We also want
our citizens to have the technology they
deserve, and Verizon promised.

Thank you,

Dorothy Wilson

Dorothy Wilson
220 Woodland Dr
Nitro WV 25143
(304) 755-1961

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I work in Huntington, West Virginia and I am a proud support of the Communications Workers of America (CWA). I am extremely concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal. I am asking for your help to protect the employees of Verizon that are in the State of West Virginia.

I am concerned for the jobs of the workers of Verizon and Frontier. Frontier is facing high debt and bad economic times, often cutting expenses by reducing quality jobs and service.

Frontier will not be able to plan for a next generation of fiber network in WV when the company will be responsible to pay back the billions of dollars that Verizon borrowed and wants to keep for itself. Verizon could use a trust loophole known as a "Reverse Morris Trust". Please do not let Verizon make billions of dollars by abandoning millions of customers and thousands of workers.

The quality of work will get worse for West Virginia if the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal is approved. I am counting on you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. The families of West Virginia are counting on your support.

Please act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Franklin Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".

Franklin Roberts
Rt. 1 Box 81 M
Poca, WV 25159

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Erika. I work for Verizon NVA and I am a member of the CWA. Recently Verizon announced its intentions to sell WVA to Frontier. I believe this is a bad idea for all of WVA.

My reasons for this belief are numbered but the highlighted are as follows:

- ① Frontier's balance sheet does not appear to support a purchase such as this. How can they maintain service, contracts, upkeep w/ the new facilities based on current numbers.
- ② How will this move help the telecommunications industry? How does this support laying the last line project? A significantly smaller company does not have the financial means to support such a project.
- ③ All divisions Verizon has sold off are now financially in trouble. This is a pattern for Verizon. Do you want the residents of WVA to suffer the same fate?

4) Verizon is abandoning WVa and will receive billions in taxpayer dollars to do so. In today's economy why ~~the~~ would the federal government support such waste?

5) Verizon made a commitment to the WVa FSC to upgrade & improve service. Now, Verizon wants to back out of its commitment.

6) President Obama campaigned on improving all telecommunications in the U.S. If this deal goes thru, LincStar could, in the near future, go bankrupt. If this happens, this is a direct slap in the face to President Obama.

7) Please ask yourself, 'If this deal goes thru, what would this leave the residents of WVa - my supporters? Potentially it could leave them with bad phone & cell service. WVa cannot afford this. Not in today's world.'

Thank you

Erin

1029 1/2 9th Ave
Huntington WV 25701

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
The United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I work in Huntington, WV and am a proud supporter of the Communication workers of America (CWA). I recently found out about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and I am very concerned. I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am concerned for the jobs of the workers at Verizon and Frontier. No matter what Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing good quality jobs and services.

Verizon had committed to increase fiber investment throughout WV. How will Frontier be able to plan for a next generation fiber network in WV when the company will be responsible to pay back the billions of dollars that Verizon borrowed and then wants to keep for itself, by taking advantage of a tax loophole?

Don't let Verizon make billions by abandoning millions of consumers

and thousands of workers. For over a hundred years, ratepayers have generated billions upon billions of dollars that allowed the phone company to prosper. Now Verizon will abandon them, dump billions of dollars of debt onto a financially weaker Frontier and get subsidized to do it. Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off their communications system so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep \$3.3 billion dollars tax free. Taxpayers - including us - are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

Things can get much worse in WV if the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents and regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt on to another company. FairPoint has struggled to provide adequate service prompting an unprecedented number of complaints to state regulatory commissions from frustrated consumers. Hawaii Telecom, the company to which Verizon sold its Hawaii operations in 2005, filed for bankruptcy. Is this what we want for WV? West Virginia ~~deserves~~ deserves a world class communications network and this proposed deal takes us backward.

We don't need another bankrupt business in our state.

I am asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support! Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Means

Rhonda Means
2 Burchette Rd
Huntington, WV 25701

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Morgantown, West Virginia and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA 2004). I am employed by Verizon Communications as an installation and maintenance cable splicer for residential and business landline telephone services, as well as for DSL or high-speed internet services. I am very troubled by the proposed Verizon/Frontier merger and am asking for your assistance to protect both Verizon employees and consumers in West Virginia.

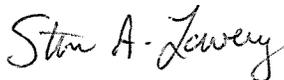
I am worried about my job. Even if I keep my job in the merger, I am concerned there will be a significant difference in pay, health benefits, pension, and retirement benefits. No matter what Verizon and Frontier currently claim, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs, pay, and benefits. My wife and I are native West Virginians who are very proud to have remained home in our great state to work and raise our two children. However, we cannot afford to face a cut in my pay or benefits, or even worse, unemployment.

In addition, I know how vital it is to our community and state to keep up with the increasing technologies of high-speed internet services. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax-subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid jobs and investments in high-speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk.

We are in need of your support. Please listen to our voices in the CWA and stand up and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Lowery
1601 Barker Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26508
snjlowery@verizon.net

The Honorable
Robert C. Byrd.

I live in Logan, WV. I work for Verizon Communications. I'm a member of CWA Local 2032. I am writing you to express my concerns of the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal.

I feel that the deal would severely impact me & my family and all current customers of Verizon. I think that a company as small as Frontier ~~that~~ could not eventually pay its bills because of the high debt it will incur. Eventually the only way to pay its bills & employees would be to cut its expenses, I feel that would severely hurt services to its customers. It would also cause job cuts & benefit cut backs for its employees. I feel that West Virginia would suffer. I feel that Verizon can offer more technology to the people of West Virginia including the FIOS technology which Verizon is ~~is~~ deploying in nearby states like Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania. I feel this Verizon-Frontier deal will be a step backwards for West Virginia.

Myself & CWA are asking that legislation be passed to close the tax loophole known as Reverse Morris Trust

Chris McCoy

Chris McCoy
667 STRATTON ST.
LOGAN, WV 25601

Phone: 304-714-1111

The Honorable Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC. 20570

My name is Neil D. Warren, + I work for Verizon of WV. I started with C&P of WV. in 1977, ^(Oct) + have gone through AT&T, To Bell Atlantic, + now Verizon. I work in Williamson WV, But have at many times worked out of area, as far as Sutton + Weston in the North, + all of Southern WV. As a member of CWA Local 2002, I'm writing you to voice my thoughts on the lively head I have known since Oct. 17th 1977.

My job is in jeopardy, my future retirement, my benefits for my family and myself are in peril. I have a mortgage, 2 boys in college, tuition to pay for both of them, + all the insurances involved. Now the possibilities of all this being changed, if not completely taken away, this is selfish sounding, but it is the fact, this act could change many lives, not only my family, but others, if not all in the whole state.

The economy isn't the best + coal + All the coal industry is being pressured by Big Business. The state as a whole needs constant upgrading to attract new business. Without new companies being attracted to WV. the tax base will dwindle.

Verizon is a big Company with deep pockets + can continue to upgrade the state. I remember working on Spry lines, 4 prty lines, Semi-private or 2 prty lines + now the state has all private lines. I have seen fiber optic cables + systems placed over the years, + electronic ESS#5 Switching Syst. added + much progress made. By their own admission Frontier has stated their objective is to work in rural areas on POTS service. (Plain old tele. serv.) Not much mention is given to upgrading the state on new technologies.

Can our state afford a smaller Company to follow the foot steps of other states who have been spun off + sold by Verizon, only to go bankrupt, or be in the process of going belly up.

Please do something to stop this nonsense now, for my family sake + the sake of the whole, Proud state of WV.

(LOCAL
2002
CWA)

Sincerely, Neil D. Warren
Neil D. Warren
Williamson Storencom
81 Parkway drive
Williamson WV. 25661

Dear Mr. Byrd

5-21-09

I work in Williamson W.V. and am a member of the Communication Workers of America, and have been for 32 years as of May 13th 2009. I have worked for this company through C+P Telephone Bell Atlantic, Verizon in various jobs over the 32 years with the phone company. Presently as a Service Technician. I am Very Concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier sale/deal. and I am asking for your HELP to protect Our Jobs and the citizens of Our Home State of West Virginia.

I feel that this proposed SALE of Verizon interest in W.V. will be detrimental to the state and the welfare of the people and the existing Employees of Verizon of W.V. The service has been declining over the past few years & will only get worse ^{when sold} to a smaller company that does Not have the resources/capability to do the Job! The previous sale of Verizon holdings in other neighbouring States has already been a Failure? This looks to be another way for Verizon to SALE-OFF a part of their business because it is No longer Profitable enough for them? I feel that we are in Jeopardy of losing our Retirement, benefits & healthcare and as

Well as Job security? I went to my Job of 32 years on my service anniversary date, to find out that my Company was selling out to ~~Troutier~~! on May 13th 2009? I learned of this just as all the other people in WV. did on the same day. I would have thought there would have been some type of information given to the Employees leading up to this decision?

We the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that would close the loop hole known as (The Reverse Morris Trust). Verizon should be encouraging investments in infrastructure, Not speculative paper transactions/and Tax loopholes? This will only put the workers for Verizon at Risk after they have dedicated their lives to their employment with Verizon here in the state of West Virginia! Please Help Us and the people of WV.

Thank You!

James W. McCoy (32 yrs. Service)
81 Parkway Dr.
Williamson, WV. 25661

The Honorable Robert Byrd

5-21-09

Dear Sir,

I am the Wife of one of the thousands of Verizon employees whos Jobs & livelihood will be impacted by the Sale of Verizon W to Frontier. My husband has deidicated his self to this company for 32 yrs. We have since his employment, been Married, had 2 sons, bought our Home and have been Proud to say My husband works for the Telephone Company through C+P Telephone / Bell Atlantic and Verizon W. Then on May 13th 2009 my heart sank as I learned the News that Verizon had proposed to Sale its Interest to Frontier?

I understand that the previous sales in our neighbouring states havent went as Well as expected. So its only Natual we are doubtful of this one? Should we not? worry of our spouses Retirement, health-care? After years of working towards the goal of Retirement, to now have those dreams dashed by the company you have worked ~~for~~ - for so many years of your life, How could your life Not be impacted??

I am asking you to stand-up for the employees of Verizon + the people of West Virginia that will pay the price of this Tax Loophole known as "Reverse Morris Trust" is used by Verizon to keep \$3.3 billion taxfree Dollars.

When their own employees would or will be? along with everyone in WV. paying for Verizon to abandon the State!

This is so wrong in so many ways? It isn't fair towards the dedicated employees + residents of the State of West "By God" Virginia! Please Stand Up for all Verizon Employees, CWA members, every citizen in our state and support US; working, taxpaying families in this State!

"The Truth Will Stand,
But a Lie Won't!"

JWR.

Thank You,
Wife of Verizon Employee!
+ CWA member
Kimberly McCoy

The Honorable Robert Byrd
U.S. SENATE
WASHINGTON DC
20510

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Brett Miller
5 BARRETT RD
WILLIAMSON, WV

DEAR:

My Name is Brett Miller.

I Live in Southern West Virginia. I

Am Currently Employed w/ Verizon

And A Communication Workers of America.

In Recent weeks We have heard

About A merger that will affect

Me AND My State tremendously.

It Seems we here in this great

State are Always getting left

behind and are dis cared as unimportant.

The current merger takes A small

Company and bombards it with A tremendous

load. If we allow this merger to take

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Place, we will definitely put West Virginia.
IN the dark ages as far as Communications
is concerned. AS Verizon is a large
Company and at the forefront of
Services important to residential Services
AND vital to Business here in this
State; We would be hard pressed
to allow our Company returning to
Plain old telephone Service. Not only
would this cripple our chances for
Advances in Global and domestic
economic growth, but the quality
of living for our employees would
have Adverse affect on the West
Virginia Economy. Our employees
Retirement, benefits, and pay are all in jeopardy.

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Please do every thing in
your power to help us continue
to improve our State and
Stop this merger. Verizon has
dressed up Verizon to sell and
want to abandon us here
in the best State in the US.

Please help

Brett Muller

The Honorable Robert Byrd.

U.S. Senate

Washington DC 20510

Dear Sir

I am a member of the CWA in Williamson WV and an employee of Verizon Communications.

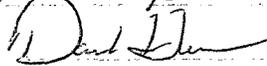
I am asking for your help in protecting the employee of Verizon from corporate greed.

If the deal between Verizon and Frontier goes thru a lot of good paying jobs will be in trouble. Frontier will not have the ability financially to continue to provide quality service to the people of WV.

If Frontier goes bankrupt in a few years like all the other companies Verizon has sold a lot of good paying jobs that provide a lot of money to West Virginia could be in trouble.

I am asking for your help in stopping this deal from going thru. I thank you for all the help you can give us.

Thank you



David Henson

304 235 9995

The Honorable Robert Byrd.
United States Senate
Washington DC. 20570

My name is Kurtis Russell. I live in Logan, I've lived in West Virginia for over 30 years. I am a member of the Communication Workers of America local 2002 and currently work for Verizon. I've worked for Verizon for 13 years. Every year, since year one, the phone company has slowly went down hill. In the last 5 years it has changed 100% for the worse. I am worried that the deal proposed between Frontier and Verizon will end up with a bankruptcy by Frontier. We need your help!

I am very worried about my job, my family, my future. I don't see any benefit for West Virginia with this proposed deal. Please close the tax loophole that Verizon is after and this may make them reconsider. West Virginians need your support!

Thanks for your help!

Kurtis Russell

304 239 2844

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd,
U. S. Senate
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Mingo County and am a member of the Communication Workers of America. I work for Verizon. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am concerned if this deal goes through the employees and the customer will get the bad end of the deal. Verizon in my opinion is playing a game with the people of West Virginia and workers.

I am worried about my job. No matter what they say, companies that face high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in new service will be affected.

We want to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We the ~~people~~ people of West Virginia need your support.

Boyd S Curry
P.O. Box 361
Warney WV 25696

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd.
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator

I Live in Logan, WV. I am a member of C.W.A. I am an Outside Tech for Verizon. I am very concerned about the ~~Prop~~ proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I Love West Virginia. I am scared of being unemployed shortly. I Love my job & benefits. I don't want to relocate out of State to find another decent paying job. I don't really know a lot about what's really going on, but have heard more bad than good.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce ~~the~~ legislation that will close the tax loophole (Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Thank You.

Sonathan Medely

P.O. Box 403

Logan, WV 25601

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator,

I live in Logan WV and a member of
Communications Workers of America. I work for
Verizon and have been for eight years.

I've been unemployed before and it hurts.

I'm trying to secure a future for my family.

These times are hard, and I'm worried about
this deal. I really want what's best for WV.

From deals in the past, I've been hearing of
only failure.

If the deal goes through, could we be resold
in a few years? My whole family works
for Verizon. We're all scared to death
over this deal. This is a great state, and
some may not think so.

Please secure our futures, and keep
us working in West Virginia.

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senate
Washington DC. 20510

Dear Senator,

I live in Williamson, W. VA.
and I am a member of CWA.
I have worked for Verizon for
31 years. I am concerned about
the proposed Verizon Frontier deal.
In my experience with Verizon
their record of innovation & new
products speaks for itself and I
don't see the same thing happening
with Frontier. Please stop this deal
before it goes through. Don't let
Verizon abandon our state.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator

I live in Williamson, West Virginia and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am a cable splicer for Verizon Communications and am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help protect West Virginia.

I love the job that I do now, I am able to provide for my family with ease. I am afraid of the transition taking place because it feels like we will be left behind. Without a company like Verizon, I feel that West Virginia will fall short of any new technology that will let us adapt in this rapidly changing world.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
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Dem Sen. Byrd

I live in Chapmanville, WV, and I am a member of Communications Workers of America Local 2002. I work for Verizon. I am worried about this merger or buy out between Verizon and Frontier and I would be very grateful for your help.

I am very worried about my career and my future if this does happen. I am afraid that mine and everyone else's phone, high speed internet access. I am truly afraid of change at this time of uncertainty in this country. I am concerned about the service that may or may not get better. I am too old to try to start over and look for something new.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC. 20540

Dear Sen Byrd

I LIVE IN LOGAN AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I AM A VERIZON EMPLOYEE AND I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED VERIZON FRONTIER DEAL AND I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT MY JOB AND MY FAMILY. NO MATTER WHAT EITHER OF THESE COMPANIES SAY, THESE TIMES ARE HARD AND THE FIRST THING A COMPANY IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS WANT TO DO IS CUT THE JOBS OF WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. I FEEL THAT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA WILL SUFFER FROM THIS TRANSACTION.

WE IN THE CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLE. WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE NOT SPECULATIVE PAPER TRANSACTIONS THAT COULD PUT WORKERS AT RISK. THE PEOPLE OF WV NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Sincerely yours

William Wolfe
William Wolfe

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

DEAR SENATOR BYRD

I live in Chapmanville, West Virginia and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am concerned with the merger proposed between Verizon and Frontier.

I am fifty-two years old and a life-long resident of West Virginia. I have worked for Verizon for thirty-two years and have seen unbelievable progress in our state. I have helped put telephone service to areas in West Virginia that never had it before. These same areas now have broadband and internet services. By their own admission, Frontier wants to focus on POTS (plain old telephone service)

In my opinion, this merger will stop the progress we have made. I urge you to do all that you can to block this merger, and allow our state to continue its emergence into the twenty-first century.

Please do not allow this merger to stop us in our tracks.

Thank you for your time.

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

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Dear Senator

I LIVE IN JULIAN, WEST VIRGINIA AND AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I WORK FOR VERIZON, OUT OF THE FOSTER STOREROOM IN THE MADISON AREA. I AM A CABLE-SPlicing TECHNICIAN WITH THIRTY YEARS SERVICE AND I AM CONCERNED OVER THE VERIZON-FRONTIER DEAL THAT IS IN THE WORKS. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING INTO THIS DEAL TO HELP PROTECT ME AND THE WEST VIRGINIA CUSTOMERS THIS DEAL WILL AFFECT.

I AM CONCERNED FOR MYSELF, MY CO-WORKERS, AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE FRONTIER WORKERS. SOME HAVE POINTED OUT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATION FOR WRITING THIS LETTER, I AM NOT. THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, THIS IS STILL A FREE COUNTRY, AND I AM EXERCISING MY RIGHT. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS DEAL IS A BAD IDEA. VERIZON HAS CUT BACK ON EMPLOYEES AND SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS IN THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF BAD ECONOMIC TIMES. IF FRONTIER TAKES OVER, NOT ONLY

Facing continued bad economic

TIMES, BUT A HUGE AMOUNT OF DEBT. KNOWING THIS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CUT EXPENSES, SERVICES, AND GOOD QUALITY JOBS. AND I BELIEVE WEST VIRGINIA AND ITS CUSTOMERS WILL BE HURT. VERIZON HAD COMMITTED TO INVEST MORE IN WEST VIRGINIA TO UPGRADE ITS PLANT; MORE FIBER, UPGRADE FACILITIES FOR DSL, BRING FIOS TO WEST VIRGINIA. HOW CAN FRONTIER BRING THESE EXPENSIVE UPGRADES WITH THE HUGE MOUNTAIN OF DEBT THEY WILL TAKE ON. AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE VERIZON IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A TAX LOOPHOLE KNOWN AS THE "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" AND GET TO KEEP THREE BILLION PLUS TAX FREE DOLLARS. IT SEEMS TO ME THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA ARE PAYING VERIZON TO ABANDON US. THATS JUST NOT RIGHT. IF YOU NEED MORE PROOF, ITS A BAD IDEA, ASK THE REGULATORS AND CUSTOMERS IN MAINE, NEW HAMPHIRE, VERMONT AND HAWAII, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN VERIZON DUMPS LOCAL LINES AND PLANT AND HIGH DEBT ONTO A COMPANY THATS SMALL AND DOESNT HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT VERIZON HAS.

IN CONCLUSION I WOULD ASK YOU TO ①
CLOSE THIS LOOP HOLE, REVERSE MORRIS TRUST,
SO COMPANYS LIKE VERIZON CANT GET MONEY

I DON'T FEEL THEY HAVE EARNED. KNOWING VERIZON AS I DO, THE MONEY WILL JUST GO TO GREEDY CEOs AND UPPER LEVEL MANAGEMENT AT LARGE BONUSES. THEY WILL THEN SET BACK AND PAT EACH OTHER ON THE BACK AND TELL EACH OTHER WHAT CONIVERS THEY ARE AND OUT SMARTED EVERYONE GETTING FREE MONEY SO I'M ASKING YOU TO STAND UP AND HELP AND PROTECT ME, MY CO-WORKERS, AND THE CUSTOMERS OF WEST VIRGINIA. DONT LET THIS DEAL GO THROUGH.

THANK YOU, SINCERELY,

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC. 20570

Senator Robert Byrd,

My name is John Albright and I live in Logan County, West Virginia. I'm writing concerning the acquisition of Verizon landlines in the state of West Virginia by Frontier Communications. As a Verizon employee and a member of the Communications Workers of America, I am deeply concerned about this transaction.

As a father, husband and sole provider for my family, I am extremely fearful of losing my job. If this acquisition is allowed to proceed, Frontier will face an enormous amount of debt and liabilities in extremely uncertain times. In an economy where companies are filing bankruptcies in record numbers, I hope that the workers of West Virginia will be protected and that this deal will be blocked. My co-workers and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills to our communities and the State of West Virginia. We would like to continue to do so, but if this deal is allowed to succeed, we're afraid that quality jobs and investments in high-speed internet will suffer greatly in West Virginia.

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Thanks.

John Albright.

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

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DEAR SEN.

I live in Chapmanville, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am also the President of the local 2002 and an engineer for Verizon of WV. I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Verizon / Frontier merger and am asking for your help to protect WV.

I feel this deal is bad for WV and her people. Just look at the previous 3 spin-offs of Verizon as examples. Two of these companies are already in bankruptcy and the other has lost 95% of its value.

I have seen first hand how Frontier works when they came into a new area. I lived in Mineral County (St Ashley) when Frontier acquired GTE holdings in that area. Let's just say, they do not keep their promises. And with the new debt and their existing debt, I do not see how it is possible to invest in WV.

I am worried about my long term survival. A company with this amount of debt will not be able to fund my pension. I have 22 years of service with Verizon and while they are not perfect, at least they are solvent. I have too much time to leave, but not enough to retire. I do not want to leave WV, but am afraid I may have no other choice, if this deal is allowed to

proceed.

My union is asking for you to introduce legislation to close the tax loophole (Reverse Morris Trust), that makes this a great deal for greedy corporate types at the expense of several thousand hard-working West Virginians. We should be encouraging investment in the infrastructure of WV with FIOS and other means of High Speed Internet Services.

As I stated before, I have worked for "Paco Co" since the age of 18. They have made me promises over the years to keep me as a loyal employee. Now I feel they are "throwing me under the bus" for a few dollars. Please do not let them do this to your loyal constituents.

If you need to contact me since, please do not hesitate to call me or email me.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
U. S. Senate
Washington DC. 20576

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Dear Senator

I live in Chapmanville, West Virginia and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon as an Engineering Assistant in the Logan area. I am terribly concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect the great State of West Virginia.

I am worried about my job and the jobs of fellow employees. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. It would be hard on me, however, some of my younger brothers and sisters of the company would be worse off. When I started for this company we were C's P of West Virginia that was thirty-four years ago. I never thought I would have to worry about not having a job. I know it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow

employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loop hole "Reverse Morris Trust". Why let the people of West Virginia suffer so the big shots of Verizon and Frontier line their pockets with the 3.3 billion of tax free money. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Just ask the residents and regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto a company that must also recreate Verizon's computer and back office systems.

We in CWA ask you to please stop the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole and to oppose this risky deal between Verizon and Frontier.

Please stand up for us and act
strongly to protect this great state
of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Jeanne L. Belcher

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

U.S. Senate

Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Sir,

My name is Mike Kinker & live in Holden WV
I am a member of CWA local 2002 & I am an
employee of Verizon Communications. My friends & I
are very concerned with the Frontier - Verizon deal
& we are asking you to stop it dead in its tracks.
We have not been told anything by the company
other than this is what is going to happen we are so far in
the dark, a bright light would surely be some help. I asked
a Frontier employee if they have a preventive maintenance program
they said NO! Now is Frontier going to keep up the
new operation without a "P&M" program. This is a bad
deal for the state of WV, Corporate Verizon has stole
our money. WV made 57 million last year corporate took
over 90 million to build FIOS in Virginia. What about
USF funds, I say hold Verizon feet to the fire till
they make good on their promises of putting HSI to
where they said they would & get our money back.
Then if they want to sell OK, but the new company
won't be getting a pig in the poke & the world sure be
more financially stable. Frontier can't afford 8.3 billion in
debt at the end of the sale & install FIOS in WV
It's impossible!

We are asking you to close the tax loophole
that is ~~using~~ ushering this deal. Reverse Morris Trust.
Verizons already used it twice Hawaii Telecom & Edware
Both have filed bankruptcy & the 3rd is of the verge of bankruptcy (see report)

Thanks Mike Kinker

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Date Sent

I live in Alum Creek and I'm a member of the communications workers of America, I work for Verizon and I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon franchise deal and I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia. Here in West Virginia we are kept in the dark and we are told nothing about the buy out! Basically we feel that we are in a need to know basis and we don't need to know. There are to many things that can go wrong with this buyout and I feel Verizon stands to gain while setting the us up for failure. Basically I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult times I do not want to face unemployment. In addition I know that it is important to my community to have access to high speed internet. We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris trust) that we should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people and workers of West Virginia need your support.

Robert C. Byrd

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd.
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator

I live in Logan County AND AM A member of the Communications Workers of America, I AND MANY of my family AND friends are very concerned about the proposed Verizon - Frontier deal AND AM ASKING for your help to protect West Virginia.

Some of the concerns I have is number ONE JOBS. The type of debt this transaction will leave with Frontier is monumental, while knowing in any business Jobs is the first cuts. Number 2. West Virginia has played a key role in the deployment of FIOS (fiber to the house) for places such as Maryland AND Virginia by being a cash cow for those states investment. This being the reason for the plant conditions due to money being diverted for FIOS construction. Number 3. Fiber optics is the FUTURE!!! While Frontier may very well be a phone & internet provider it has a business plan to be status quo! West Virginians deserve better. Verizon has had many good years with West Virginia AND AS SOON AS they were asked to spend money on us, they run.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation to close the TAX LOOPHOLE (known as the Reverse Morris Trust) allowing Verizon to CHEAT TAX PAYERS from paying TAXES on 3.3 billion in this Deal. DON'T give up on West Virginia, We won't give up on you.

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

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U.S. Senate

Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator

I live in Madison, W. Va and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am a 30+ year employee of Verizon. I am very concerned about the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier. I am asking for your support to help protect West Virginia.

I am 50 years old and not really ready to retire, but feel like this deal is creating an insecure future for my livelihood. I am concerned because the previous spin-off deal Verizon initiated in the past all ended up in the new companies filing for bankruptcy. If Frontier follows the plan that has been outlined to us then I feel by assuming all the debt in these tough economic times ends up in declining service and layoffs of good quality jobs.

Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off our company so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep 3.3 billion tax free. Taxpayers - including us are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

Things can and probably will get worse in West Virginia if the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents of and regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto a company that must also recreate Verizon's computer and back office systems.

We in CWA are asking you to do two things. First, please introduce legislation that will close the

Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that put workers and consumers ~~at~~ at risk.

Second we hope you will take lead in this issue and get the West Virginia delegation in the Senate and House to oppose this risky deal. Verizon and Frontier are looking out for themselves, we need you to look out for us.

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

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Dear sen.

I Live in Chapmanville, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am employed by Verizon as an Outside Plant Engineer. I am very concerned about the Proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am concerned for the workers as well as for the customers of the land telephone services that are provided by Verizon. Companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses and therefore the quality of the services and jobs are affected. The people of West Virginia deserve world class technology in order to keep us in tune with the growing demands of progress.

Verizon has publicly committed to increase the fiber investment throughout West Virginia, thus borrowed billions that Frontier will have to "pay back". Verizon plans to use a tax loophole called the "Reverse Morris Trust" to ensure they keep 3.3 billion tax free dollars. Increasing the fiber in West Virginia will provide for future progress by getting high speed internet into our classrooms. Providing a fiber network to rural areas of

West Virginia is fundamental to the health of our great state. I implore you sir to stand with us in this fight. Several states who have already suffered due to Verizon selling off their services are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii. The majority of the companies who bought the services filed bankruptcy only a year after the purchase, causing not only loss of jobs but loss of telephone services. This, I assure you sir is not something that West Virginia can afford to have happen.

The members of CWA are asking you to do two things.

- 1) Please introduce legislation that will close the Reverse Morris Trust tax Loophole as we should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that put workers and consumers at risk.
- 2) Please take the lead in this issue and the West Virginia delegations in the Senate and the House to oppose this risky deal.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am a concerned employee who is looking out for not only other Verizon employees but for all residents in West Virginia. It is my hope that you will act in the interests of the people of West Virginia and oppose the Reverse Morris Trust tax Loophole.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Madison West Virginia and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon, I'm a Cable splicing Tech. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I have worked 29 years and 2 months and I may lose my pension if this deal goes through. I love my job I love West Virginia, and plan to retire here.

I have installed telephone lines in areas that never had phone service, they used 2 way radios to talk to each other.

I am afraid that it will end up here like the other spin offs in other states, "bankruptcy."

~~the~~ I am concerned for the jobs of the workers at Verizon and for Frontier. Some of them may be afraid to write to you out of concern that the company would retaliate against them for expressing their opinions. No matter what Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing good quality jobs and service. I am also worried about how this proposed business deal might affect my community and the residents of our great state. West Virginia deserves a world class communications network and this proposed deal takes us backwards. Verizon had committed to increase fiber investments in West Virginia. How will Frontier expand

Fios when the company will have to pay back the billions of dollars that Verizon borrowed and then wants to keep for itself, by taking advantage of a tax loophole?

Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off our communications systems so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep 3.3 billion tax free. Taxpayers - including us - are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

Things will get much worse in West Virginia if the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents & regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto a company that must also recreate Verizon's company and back office systems.

P.S. Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect our workers and our wonderful state. Thank you, for your time.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Byrd:

My name is Shannon Jude. I live in Logan, WV, and am a member of the Communications Workers of America, local 2002. I am currently employed at Verizon Communications and my job title is Special Clerk. As an employee, with 12 years of service, I am extremely concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for help to protect West Virginia. Our country is facing difficult economic times and I find myself worried that West Virginia and thousands of its workers will be the next victims.

I feel that the Verizon Frontier deal is extremely bad for me, West Virginia and my fellow co-workers. Loss of jobs is my first reason for concern. I do not want to face unemployment. Without this job, my family will greatly suffer. No matter what is being said, companies that are small, facing large debt and poor economic times, more often than not must reduce jobs to cut their expenses. For those who might remain, I feel wages and benefits might be compromised forcing West Virginians to relocate.

My next reason for concern is the reduction in investment and focus on high speed fiber. High speed internet is essential to our society. If this happens, West Virginians will fall farther behind its counterparts in the U.S. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of the great state of West Virginia. We want to keep being able to provide these services. I believe Verizon is essential to West Virginia and without a public service company such as this, West Virginia will lose future companies and investments that we need for West Virginia's growth. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investments in high speed fiber needed in West Virginia will greatly suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank You,

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May 25, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I live in Foster, West Virginia and work for Verizon as a cable splicing technician. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal. You have been a great champion for West Virginia and I am asking you for your help.

I am a father of three so job security, health benefits, and compensation are very important to me. A company that takes on a large debt during these bad economic times often will need to cut expenses. This will not only affect me and my family, but all West Virginian families. When a company cuts expenses the quality of service suffers. My co-workers and I take pride in the quality of service we provide West Virginia. If this sale goes forward - we risk losing quality paid jobs and investments in high speed internet that many communities

in West Virginia lack. In today's society technology has become a necessity. Our children are being taught that technology is the future, yet they don't have access to it in their own homes. West Virginia needs to be able to compete in this "Age of Technology." Can you imagine not having high speed internet capabilities?

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce and support legislation that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust.

I am a proud West Virginian. I was born here, educated here, and have plans on working and retiring here. The people of West Virginia need your help and support.

Thank You.

Brundy Barker
Brundy Barker
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Sir

I live in Tazewell Virginia and currently work in Bradshaw West Virginia. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. The proposed Verizon/Frontier deal has caused some great concern and I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia. I am concerned for the state of West Virginia and the jobs of the communications workers of West Virginia. With the current state of the economy and companies that are facing high debt often resort to cutting expenses therefore leading to termination of jobs and lack of quality service. I am also worried about proposed expansion of FIOS in West Virginia. Will the communications be improved or will the billions of dollars of debt accumulated affect FIOS in West Virginia and will the communities be able to continue to move forward with better service or will West Virginia take a back seat to a growing need for communication. Is the spin off of communications in West Virginia through a smaller company a result of the tax loophole known as Reverse Morris Trust. If so, are the taxpayers subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia. With the spin off of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont proves that things can get much worse in the state of West Virginia. As a member of the CWA, we are asking for you to introduce legislation that will close the Reverse Morris Trust loophole so that we do not put workers and consumers at risk and encourage investment in West Virginia infrastructure. The CWA is hoping that the

West Virginia delegation in the Senate and House
will oppose this risky deal. If we the state of
West Virginia do not look out for ourselves will
the new company look out for us? We are asking
you to please protect West Virginia, its communities
and its workers.

Sincerely,

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THE WASHINGTON POST

U. S. Senate

Washington DC 20570

Guy Richard Deer
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Dear Sir

My name is Guy Richard Deer I live in Logan WV and I am a member of CWA Local 2002. I am a Cable Splicer with Verizon I am concerned about the Proposed Deal with Verizon and Frontier.

I am worried about this deal, first of all who sells a company for 3.3 billion dollars tax free, with today's economy. I would like to get in on that. Maybe go tax exempt for the rest of this year and 2010, "see if you can help me there, Secondly we have good wages and good benefits as Verizon employees, my family and I would like to keep our benefits and retirement. Also this would be bad for the state as far as ever getting Fiber to the Prem or "FTTP" Frontier would be starting out in an 8.3 Billion dollar hole, that's unheard of and it wouldn't be long before they would have the problems that Verizon already has with the PSC.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole, "at least" known as (Reverse Morris Trust). We should encourage investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers and your voters at risk the people of West Virginia need your support! Don't turn your back on us this time!

Sincerely Guy Richard Deer

Senator Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

My name is Bryan Persinger, and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I currently reside in Jeffrey, WV and have been an employee of Verizon Communications (formerly Bell Atlantic) for approximately 10 years. This letter is motivated by my concern for the recent proposal of acquisition by Frontier Communications. As a strong leader in my state I am asking for your help.

My first concern with the acquisition involves the financial state of Frontier Communications following the proposed deal. The plan would leave Frontier straddled with a heavy amount of debt in an uncertain economic time. I know that there are generally two options when a company is faced with a large amount of debt: reduce employee pay and benefits or decrease funding for new technologies and upkeep on existing infrastructure. As you can see either option would decrease my quality of life. Not only because I am an employee, but also because I would be a customer. I believe that the growth of our great state depends upon big investments in the area of communications. It also concerns me that this deal will take advantage of the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole.

In conclusion we as members of the Communication Workers of America are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank You,



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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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Suite 2630
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Mary Beth Alderton and I live in Logan, WV. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America and I have been employed with Verizon for 12 years. I am writing to express my fears concerning Verizon selling the state of West Virginia to Frontier Communications and to ask for your help in protecting the jobs of your constituents.

My main concern is the safety of my job. The loss of my job or a drastic reduction in wages or benefits would be devastating to my family. Despite the "reassurances" both sides are offering, the high debt Frontier would face coupled with the already dire economy would put our jobs and the quality of services our customers deserve in jeopardy.

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Respectfully,

Mary Beth Alderton
262 Riverside Drive
Logan, WV 25601

United States Senate
Washington DC. 20570

My name is Neil D. Warren, + I work for Verizon of WV. I started with C&P of WV. in 1977^(Oct), + have gone through AT&T, To Bell Atlantic, + now Verizon. I work in Williamson WV, But have at many times worked out of area, as far as Sutton + Weston in the North, + all of Southern WV. As a member of CWA Local 2002, I'm writing you to voice my thoughts on the livelihood I have known since Oct. 17th 1977.

My job is in jeopardy, my future retirement, my benefits for my family and myself are in peril. I have a mortgage, 2 boys in college, tuition to pay for both of them, + all the insurances involved. Now the possibilities of all this being changed, if not completely taken away, this is selfish sounding but it is the fact, this act could change many lives, not only my family, but others, if not all in the whole state.

The economy isn't the best + coal + All the coal industry is being pressured by Big Business. The state as a whole needs constant upgrading to attract new business. Without new companies being attracted to WV. the

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Verizon is a big Company with deep pockets + can continue to upgrade the state. I remember working on 8 prty lines, 4 prty lines, Semi-private or 2 prty lines, + now the state has all private lines. I have seen fiber optic cables + systems placed over the years, + electronic ESS#5 Switching Syst. added + much progress made. By their own admission Frontier has stated their objective is to work in rural areas on POTS service. (Plain old tele. serv.) Not much mention is given to upgrading the state on new technologies.

Can our state afford a smaller Company to follow the foot steps of other states who have been spun off + sold by Verizon, only to go bankrupt, or be in the process of going belly up.

Please do something to stop this nonsense now, for my family SAKE + the SAKE of the whole, Proud state of WV.

(LOCAL
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CWA)

Sincerely, Neil D. Warren
Neil D. Warren

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Chapmanville, West Virginia and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am concerned with the merger proposed between Verizon and Frontier.

I am fifty-two years old and a life-long resident of West Virginia. I have worked for Verizon for thirty-two years and have seen unbelievable progress in our state. I have helped put telephone service to areas in West Virginia that never had it before. These same areas now have broadband and internet services. By their own admission, Frontier wants to focus on POTS (plain old telephone service)

In my opinion, this merger will stop the progress we have made. I urge you to do all that you can to block this merger, and allow our state to continue its emergence into the twenty-first century.

Please do not allow this merger to stop us in our tracks.

Thank you for your time

Dennie Surgoine

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U.S. Senate
Washington DC. 20510

Dear Senator,

I live in Williamson, W. VA.
and I am a member of CWA.
I have worked for Verizon for
31 years. I am concerned about
the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal.
In my experience with Verizon
their record of innovation & new
products speaks for itself and I
don't see the same thing happening
with Frontier. Please stop this deal
before it goes through. Don't let
Verizon abandon our state.

Sincerely yours,

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To: Robert C. Byrd

I am an employee of Verizon Communications. I was recently informed by my employer that all wireline and DSL service in WV would be sold to Frontier Communications. The sale would hurt all employees of Verizon WV and the general WV public. Frontier would be too far in debt to sustain service and provide the service WV families count on. There are two factors that is driving Verizon to sell land lines in WV. The Reverse Morris Trust allows Verizon to sell WV yet they pay no taxes. The Reverse Morris Trust needs to be repealed. I pay taxes, all companies including Verizon should pay their share. Verizon will then, after the sale, wait for Frontier to fail and then re acquire the assets and then employ only non-union persons! WV will suffer and fall behind other states when Frontier fails and service, including 911 will suffer. The sale is also an attempt by Verizon to rid itself of the union workers who have made the company what it is today. Union families in WV need you to ask the PSC to stop the sale. I and my family have always supported you as you have always had the best interests of WV families at the top of your agenda.

Please tell the PSC to stop the sale.

Please repeal the Reverse Morris Trust.

WV families and Union Workers in all of America need your support.

Thank You

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The Honorable Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Daniels WV and am a member of the
Communication Workers of America, I work for
Verizon & have for over 19 years. I am very
concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier
deal and am asking for your help to protect
West Virginia.

I am worried about my job. No matter what

Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are
facing high debt and low economic times often
cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these

difficult economic times I do not want to face
unemployment. In addition I know that it

is important to my community to have increased
access to high speed internet. Right now, my

fellow employees and I are proud to deliver
quality services and skills that benefit the

residents of our great state. We want to keep

being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale
goes through, I am afraid the quality jobs and

investment in high speed fiber internet

throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely



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To Honorable Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator

I Live in madison West Virginia and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon, Im a Cable splicing Tech. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia

I have worked 29 years and 2 months and I may loose my pension if this deal goes through. I love my Job I love West Virginia, and plan to Retire here.

I have installed Telephone lines in areas that never Had phone service, they used 2 way radids to talk to each other.

I am afraid that it will end up here like the other spin offs in other states, "bankruptcy"

~~no~~ I am concerned for the Jobs of the workers at Verizon and/or Frontier. Some of them may be afraid to write to you out of concern that the company would retaliate against them for expressing their opinions. No matter what Frontier may say, Companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing good quality Jobs and service. I am also worried about how this proposed business deal might affect my community and the residents of our great state. west Virginia deserves a World class Communications network and this proposed deal takes us backwards. Verizon had committed to increase fiber investments in Virginia. How will Frontier expand

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Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off our communications systems so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep 3.3 billion tax free. Taxpayers - including us - are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

Things will get much worse in West Virginia if the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents & regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto a company that must also recreate Verizon's company and back office systems.

P.S. Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect our workers and our wonderful state. Thank you, for your time.

Sincerely,
Bruce A. Nelson

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Senator Robert C Byrd
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Dear Sen,

I live in Logan and am a member of the CWA (Communications Workers of America). I work for Verizon and have been in Database Management for twelve (12) years.

I and many others are concerned about the recent proposed buying of Verizon by Frontier.

Verizon is still the most technically equipped and highly skilled to provide West Virginia with the best service at a competitive price. We have had some recent delays in providing service to customers who want and more importantly who need our services, but we are still the best company to do this job.

I also am personally concerned about reduction in wages and poor or no quality of benefits. Or even worse, unemployment!

We, in CWA, are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the top loophole (known as the Reverse Morris

Trust), we should be encouraging
investment in infrastructure, not
speculative paper transactions
that could put workers at risk.
The people of West Virginia
need your support.

Sincerely hope you are feeling better!

Best wishes and Thank you.
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For The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United STATES Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in Mingo West Virginia, and am a member of the communications workers of America (CWA). I am also a 11 year employee with Verizon, with a wife and two sons that rely on me. I am also a veteran, served 4 years in the U.S. COAST GUARD. My mother is also a 30+ year ~~a~~ retiree from the company. The pending sale/Deal between Verizon and Frontier, has my family very concerned. I am writing this letter with the hope of gaining support to stop this Deal.

With our current economic time, I find that this Deal between Verizon and Frontier will only bring additional economic hardship to our state. I cannot see how Frontier will be able to continue to provide quality service with the amount of debt they will consume with this deal. I can only assume that pay-cuts, loss of benefits, job losses, and or rate increases. (Non-~~of~~ which will be good for the working families of West Virginia.

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that would close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investments in ~~inf~~ infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Please stand up for us and act STRONGLY to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely



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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Milton and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. As an employee of Verizon doing outside plant engineering, I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about my job. Verizon has conducted similar sales like the current Frontier - Verizon deal. Not one has turned out well for the individuals employed in the divested companies nor the consumers. Hawaii Telecom, Idearc, and now Fairpoint Communications has either gone bankrupt or are predicted to by year end. Bankruptcy threatens my job and my pension. and as you often know the leadership of the bankrupt company sees bonuses and golden parachutes.

The only one to benefit from the sale of pieces is Verizon. Using the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole Verizon

has avoided paying taxes on Billions of dollars. How is that fair? We in CWA are asking that you introduce legislation that will close the tax loop hole. We need investments to be made in infrastructure, and employees not some speculative transaction that puts employees and customers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,

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June 16, 2009

Dear Senator Byrd,

I am a Retired employee of Verizon West Virginia. I am asking our Congressmen to Repeal the Reverse Morris Trust. Verizon is trying to spinoff West Virginia in order to save 3.4 billion in tax dollars. IF this is allowed to happen it will be detrimental to the Verizon customers and also to the Verizon employees of West Virginia. The Verizon employees that Remain with Frontier Telephone will be taking an average pay cut of ten dollars an hour and when they retire will have no medical coverage. This in turn will be detrimental to West Virginia's economy. Thank you for your time.

Evona Miller

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Dear Mr. Byrd,

I am writing in concern of Verizon spinning off the service in West Va. — please Repeal the Reverse Morris Trust in which large business's get tax breaks.

Verizon will receive a tax break on 3.4 billion dollars if Frontier purchases the state of West VA. So please help with this matter! Thanks and I appreciate all you do.

Duane Arrington
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Duane Arrington

6-16-09

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JUNE 21, 2009
SUNDAY

The HONORABLE SENATOR BYRD
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

DEAR SENATOR BYRD:

I LIVE IN MORGANTOWN, WV AND AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I WORK IN CLARKSBURG, WV. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED VERIZON FRONTIER DEAL AND I AM ASKING YOU FOR YOUR HELP TO PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA.

I AM CONCERNED FOR THE JOBS OF THE WORKERS AT VERIZON AND/OR FRONTIER. I MYSELF HAVE 40 YEARS WITH VERIZON AND WOULD STILL LIKE TO WORK A FEW MORE YEARS BUT MY RETIREMENT & HEALTH BENEFITS MAY NOT BE THERE IF I STAY ON WITH FRONTIER SO THEY ARE REALLY NOT CONSIDERING THEIR OLDER EMPLOYEES OR EVEN ONES CLOSE TO RETIRING - WE ARE TOLD THEY WILL HONOR OUR CURRENT CONTRACT BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT.

I am also worried about the

this proposed Business deal might affect my community and the residents of our great state. WEST VIRGINIA deserves a World Class communications network and this proposed deal TAKES US BACKWARD NOT FORWARD. I can't see FRONTIER going ON WITH the FIOS service WEST VIRGINIA WAS told we would be getting.

VERIZON ONLY PICKED FRONTIER TO SPIN OFF OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SO VERIZON COULD USE A TAX LOOPHOLE KNOWN AS "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" AND KEEP \$3.3 billion tax free. TAXPAYERS - INCLUDING US - ARE SUBSIDIZING VERIZON ONLY TO ABANDON THIS GREAT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA!

WE IN CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO DO TWO THINGS. FIRST, PLEASE INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" TAX LOOPHOLE. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND NOT JUST PAPER TRANSACTIONS THAT PUT WORKERS & CONSUMERS AT RISK.

SECOND, WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON THE DELEGATION OF WEST VIRGINIA'S HOUSE & SENATE TO OPPOSE THIS RISKY DEAL. VERIZON AND FRONTIER ARE LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES

I APPRECIATE YOUR VALUABLE TIME
& FOR READING MY LETTER. Thank you
FOR Understanding and helping out. Our
FUTURE depends on this. Thank You
Again.

Sincerely,

Sandra A Wiles

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United State Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Fairmont, WV, in Marion County, in the great state of West Virginia. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am writing in regards to the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier. I am asking for your help to preserving our jobs and protecting our communication needs in the 21st century.

I am an employee with Verizon. I have been for 21 years. I make a good living and pay my fair share in taxes. I am seriously opposed to the proposed merger of these 2 companies. I feel that in these trying economic times we are living in, we can't afford to lose high paying jobs, and have them replaced with lower paying ones. Frontier has a lot of debt. I am sure that they will not keep a lot of the employees that Verizon now has. I am sure that the quality of service will drastically suffer. High speed internet service is one service in particular that will suffer greatly. Will Frontier have the resources to install fiber optics in our state? Will they have the resources to upgrade the copper land lines and maintain them? How could they? They will have to pay back billions of dollars that Verizon borrowed and then wants to keep for itself, by taking advantage of a tax loophole.

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May God Bless,

Sincerely,



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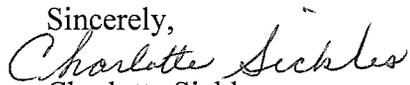
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May God Bless,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Montana Mines, WV, in Marion County, in the great state of West Virginia. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am writing in regards to the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier. I am asking for your help to preserving our jobs and protecting our communication needs in the 21st century.

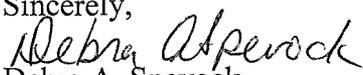
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Sincerely,


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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Shinnston, WV, in Harrison County, in the great state of West Virginia. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am writing in regards to the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier. I am asking for your help to preserving our jobs and protecting our communication needs in the 21st century.

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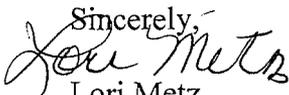
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Sincerely,

Lori Metz
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6/21/09

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Metz, WV. I am a member of C. WA local in Clarksburg, WV.

I am concerned about the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier and am asking for help to protect our jobs and the economy of our state.

It is a concern as it may cause loss of jobs and revenue for our state and local communities.

It is also a concern about past deals as Verizon areas leading to bankruptcy of the buying company. Also from the technical standpoint I am not sure Frontier has the service available to deploy Fiber optic services in our area.

We would like our representatives also check into the Berens Morris Trust to be certain this not the only reason for this business venture and in the future to set stricter guidelines if this bill is to stay active.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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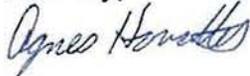
My name is Agnes Hovatter I live in Fairmont, WV, I am 60 years old. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia. I have worked for Verizon for 20 years. I worked until I was 40 years old for minimum wage. My telephone operator job with Verizon is the best thing in my life. I am afraid if Verizon sells West Virginia to Frontier of losing my job or taking a pay and benefits cut down the road. I do not want to lose my job. I worry about losing my home, I have financed until I am 85years old.

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All my life I have seen people from West Virginia move to other states to find better paying jobs. Please help us keep our jobs and develop new good paying jobs in West Virginia. We desperately need your help to protect the consumers, communities, and employees!!!!

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
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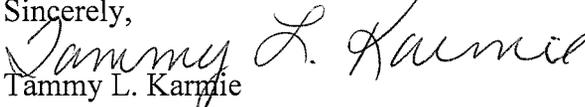
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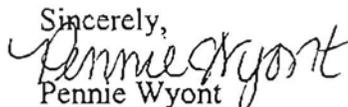
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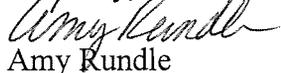
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THE HONORABLE Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

I am a member of Communication Workers of America. Having twenty five years service with Verizon of West Virginia. Our community and our state need your help in saving West Virginia from going backward instead of forward with our high speed communication network as well as maintaining our workforce with Verizon of West Virginia.

Frontier has made a proposal to purchase the Verizon of West Virginia access lines. With the Reverse Morris Trust this will be a big tax break for Verizon. For West Virginia this will be a disaster. We will take a backseat to advancing with the future. A company that cannot afford to maintain and upgrade services in our area will take over and more then likely choke on the same debt as the New England company Fairpoint Communications finds theirselves now facing bankruptcy.

Bottomline is Frontier cannot afford West Virginia. They will be facing high debt as well as bad economic times. How will they cope? By cutting, reducing good quality jobs and services.

Things can get much worse in West Virginia if the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents and regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto a company that must also recreate Verizon's computer and back office systems.

Any assistance you may provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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*The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510*

June 22, 2009

Dear Senator Byrd,

I am sincerely asking for your help in protecting our wonderful state from the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier.

I am an employee of Verizon and a member of Communications of America. I am a native West Virginian and a resident of Grafton, Taylor County.

I have been employed with Verizon for over 16 years. I am greatly concerned that in these times of high unemployment and companies having to reduce their work forces to cut expenses, because of high debt loads and bad economic situations of the whole world economy, that this deal may cost many of us our jobs and we'd be facing certain unemployment.

I, also am aware of the great importance to my community and my state the dire need to increase access to high speed internet. As a Verizon employee, my fellow employees and I proudly strive to deliver Quality service, as well as skills that benefit the residence of our great state. Our Hope and desire is to continue to do so.

If this Tax subsidized sale is allowed to go through, My fear that Quality Jobs and investments in High Speed Fiber, needed throughout West Virginia would be left wanting.

We in C.W.A. are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

I am asking on the behalf of myself, My fellow employees, CWA, and My fellow West Virginians Please Join us in the struggle and move forward strongly to support and protect West Virginia.

Sincerely

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
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JUNE 21, 2009
SUNDAY

The HONORABLE SENATOR BYRD
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

DEAR SENATOR BYRD:

I LIVE IN MORGANTOWN, WV AND AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I WORK IN CLARKSBURG, WV. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED VERIZON FRONTIER DEAL AND I AM ASKING YOU FOR YOUR HELP TO PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA.

I AM CONCERNED FOR THE JOBS OF THE WORKERS AT VERIZON AND/OR FRONTIER. I MYSELF HAVE 40 YEARS WITH VERIZON AND WOULD STILL LIKE TO WORK A FEW MORE YEARS BUT MY RETIREMENT + HEALTH BENEFITS MAY NOT BE THERE IF I STAY ON WITH FRONTIER SO THEY ARE REALLY NOT CONSIDERING THEIR OLDER EMPLOYEES OR EVEN ONES CLOSE TO RETIRING - WE ARE TOLD THEY WILL HONOR OUR CURRENT CONTRACT BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT.

I AM ALSO WORRIED ABOUT HOW

This proposed Business deal might affect my community and the residents of our great STATE. WEST VIRGINIA deserves a World Class communications network and this proposed deal TAKES US BACKWARD NOT FORWARD. I can't see FRONTIER going ON WITH the FIOS service WEST VIRGINIA WAS told we would be getting.

VERIZON ONLY PICKED FRONTIER TO SPIN OFF OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SO VERIZON COULD USE A TAX LOOPHOLE KNOWN AS "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" AND KEEP \$3.3 billion tax free. TAXPAYERS - INCLUDING US - ARE SUBSIDIZING VERIZON ONLY TO ABANDON THIS GREAT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA!

WE IN CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO DO TWO THINGS. FIRST, PLEASE INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" TAX LOOPHOLE. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENTS AND NOT JUST PAPER TRANSACTIONS THAT PUT WORKERS & CONSUMERS AT RISK.

SECOND, WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON THE DELEGATION OF WEST VIRGINIA'S HOUSE & SENATE TO OPPOSE THIS RISKY DEAL. VERIZON AND FRONTIER ARE LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES, WE NEED YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR US.

I APPRECIATE YOUR VALUABLE TIME
& FOR READING MY LETTER. Thank you
FOR Understanding and helping out. Our
FUTURE depends on this. Thank You
Again.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I have worked for B&P, Bell Atlantic and Verizon since 1973. With this many years of employment, I felt I had earned certain benefits and retirement. Being close to retirement, I don't feel it to be in my best interests to have another company take us over. There are too many questions and not enough answers.

TIM DOREY
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Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

My name is Dan Johnson. I am an employee of Verizon in West Virginia. I am a member of Communications Workers of America Local 2009 in Huntington, WV. I am writing you to voice my concern over the proposed sale of Verizon WV to Frontier. Please ask yourself these questions. Is this truly in the best interest of our state? Who will benefit the most from this lopsided deal? Can we afford to lose more good jobs in WV? These are simple questions. I have my opinion. I would like to hear yours.

President Obama promised us the "American Dream." The job I have at Verizon is the reason I am currently living the American Dream. I work hard and take pride in my job. I am able to provide for my family and live comfortably. I would like to keep it that way. Is this being selfish? Is this too much to ask? I don't think so.

I urge you to use your influence and stand on the side of the working people who elected you. I urge you to stand up against corporate greed. Don't get me wrong. I want Verizon to make money. I just want Verizon to live up to its obligations to its customers and dedicated employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel L Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
US Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Milton, West Virginia.
My name is Amy Gamett and I am
the spouse of a current Verizon employee.

I am concerned for the jobs of the
workers at Verizon and/or Frontier.
Some of them may be afraid to write
to you out of concern that the company
would retaliate against them for
expressing their opinions. No matter
what Frontier may say, companies
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Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Amy Garnett

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For The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United STATES Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in Mifflin West Virginia, and am a member of the communications Workers of America (CWA). I am also a 11 year employee with Verizon, with a wife and two sons that rely on me. I am also a veteran, served 4 years in the U.S. COAST Guard. My mother is also a 30+ year ~~a~~ retiree from the company. The pending Sale/Deal between Verizon and Frontier, has my family very concerned. I am writing this letter with the hope of getting support to stop this Deal.

With our current economic time, I find that this Deal between Verizon and Frontier will only bring additional economic hardship to our state. I cannot see how Frontier will be able to continue to provide Quality service with the amount of Debt they will consume with this deal. I can only assume that pay-cuts, loss of benefits, Job losses, and or rate increases. (Non-~~of~~ which will be good for the working families of West Virginia.

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Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Beckley and am a member of CWA. I am very concerned about the Frontier Verizon deal and I would ask for your help.

I myself work for Verizon. I am deeply concerned about my job and my co-workers. Regardless of what either Frontier or Verizon may say companies that are having high debt in these bad economic times often cut expenses by cutting jobs. I personally do not wish to be unemployed. If this tax subsidized sale of Verizon goes through, I feel the 3.3 billion dollars of debt Frontier will assume could be more than they could withstand. With over 15 years of service at Verizon I have been proud to bring quality phone service and high speed internet to my customers. I fear with so much debt Frontier will not be able to provide the level of services Verizon does now. In addition I doubt the investment of high speed fiber needed throughout our great state will come to a halt.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Marc Johnston, and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I have been a Verizon employee for the past 10 years. I am very concerned about the proposed merger between Frontier and Verizon, thus I am asking for your help to protect our jobs in West Virginia.

Verizon has been a good company to work for, and has a wonderful benefit package. I have two young sons, and am worried that the merger will eliminate my job, or affect my benefits and the health care coverage I depend on for the health of my kids. I am concerned Frontier will eliminate my job, I do not want Frontier to slow the broadband development in West Virginia. I believe Verizon has the resources ~~to~~ to bring broadband to our state. I would hate to see us fall further behind due to this merger.

I implore you to do what you can to prevent this merger. Help us keep good jobs in West Virginia, and help West Virginia increase it's broadband footprint.

Marc H. Johnston

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Milton and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. As an employee of Verizon doing outside plant engineering, I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about my job. Verizon has conducted similar sales like the current Frontier - Verizon deal. Not one has turned out well for the individuals employed in the divested companies nor the consumers. Hawaii Telecom, Idearc, and now Fairpoint Communications has either gone bankrupt or are predicted to by year end. Bankruptcy threatens my job and my pension. and as you often know the leadership of the bankrupt company sees bonuses and golden parachutes.

The only one to benefit from the sale of pieces is Verizon. Using the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole Verizon

has avoided paying taxes on Billions of dollars. How is that fair? We in CWA are asking that you introduce legislation that will close the tax loop hole. We need investments to be made in infrastructure, and employees not some speculative transaction that puts employees and customers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO SHARE MY CONCERN OF THE PENDING SALE OF VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS IN WEST VIRGINIA TO FRONTIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS. I LIVE IN HURRICANE, WV AND I AM A MEMBER ON LOCAL 2009 - COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA. I AM EMPLOYED BY VERIZON. I AM REQUESTING YOUR HELP IN PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

THE FACT THAT I AM AN ASSOCIATE AT VERIZON GIVES THIS A PERSONAL CONCERN. I JUST REACHED 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN JANUARY AND HAD PLANNED ON WORKING FOR ANOTHER 6-8 YEARS. I HAVE TWIN DAUGHTERS STARTING COLLEGE IN WEST VIRGINIA THIS FALL. NO MATTER WHAT SUGAR COATING VERIZON OR FRONTIER PUTS ON THIS DEAL, IT IS MY BELIEF AND EXPERIENCE THAT COMPANIES FACING A DIFFICULT ECONOMY WITH HIGH DEBT WILL CUT EXPENSES BY REDUCING JOBS. ALTHOUGH I WANTED TO WORK ADDITIONAL YEARS, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IF THIS DEAL GOES THROUGH, RETIREMENT UNDER VERIZON IS MY BEST OPTION. THIS MEANS THE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING TO ANOTHER STATE TO OBTAIN SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT. IN TALKING WITH MY FELLOW ASSOCIATES, I KNOW THIS IS HOW MANY OF THEM FEEL.

ON A GRANDER SCALE, I FEEL THE CITIZENS OF WEST VIRGINIA WILL BE HARMED BY THIS SALE.

I SEE THE DEMAND FOR BETTER, FASTER ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND HIGH SPEED DATA ON A DAILY BASES. IF THIS TAX SUBSIDIZED SALE GOES THROUGH, I AM AFRAID THAT THE INVESTMENT IN THESE SERVICES THROUGH OUT WEST VIRGINIA WILL DRY UP.

WE IN THE CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLE (KNOW AS THE REVERSE MORRIS TRUST). WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT SPECULATIVE PAPER TRANSACTIONS THAT COULD PUT WORKERS AT RISK. THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION. I AM ASKING YOU TO BE STRONG FOR WEST VIRGINIA.

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in South Charleston, WV and am a member of the Communication Workers of America. I work for Verizon Communications as a Engineering Asst. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon-Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about job security and benefits. A company like Frontier (which from many news articles I have read) does not have the enough financial security to conduct daily business much less perform a buyout. I do not want to face unemployment in these tough economic times.

I also know how important it is for the State of West Virginia to have high speed internet. I question whether Frontier will be able to perform this function with the huge debt it will take on to perform this buyout. We are proud to provide this quality service to our community and would hate to see more deployment of high speed internet suffer from this acquisition.

We need to encourage investment in infrastructure not support of the Reverse Morris Trust. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,
Rick Fields
5118 Indiana St
South Charleston, WV 25309

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Fields". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
Washington DC 20510
United States Senate

Dear Senator Byrd:

I am a CWA member in the Huntington, WV area, and I have concerns for my job with the upcoming Verizon-Frontier sale. This sale will affect all areas of West Virginia from service to individual families. Looking at the proposed information, I do not understand how or why it's beneficial for a company to take on an extra \$3 billion debt. The company (Verizon) has made promises to the state, and will not fulfill them now. I am requesting your intervention on this matter, not for myself, but for all West Virginians.

V/R

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Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Hurricane, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am currently employed by Verizon and very concerned about the current situation of Verizon in West Virginia.

I was born and raised in West Virginia, and lived most of my life here. People don't relocate to West Virginia, people chose to stay in West Virginia. I have an Electrical Engineering degree and chose to stay and live and work in West Virginia. I didn't go to Northern Virginia, Charlotte, Pittsburgh, or Cincinnati to work for more money. Verizon has provided the opportunity to stay here, but now they decided they don't have any interest here. Please don't let them leave and force me to leave my home state that I love and want to support.

As most people know West Virginia is at a disadvantage when dealing for jobs with corporate America. They are just not here, so don't make it easy for the ones here to leave. With the current state of the economy, what are we to think. We need your help and influence. The CWA always supports the democrats and pushes a democratic vote. Now is the time to see if all those votes are going to pay dividends. Please familiarize yourself with this backroom deal that Verizon and Frontier are trying to pass off as legit. We need your support!

Sincerely,

David L. Thompson

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5-25-09

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I AM WRITING TO TELL YOU WHY I AM SO STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE VERIZON SALE IN WEST VIRGINIA. I WORK IN HUNTINGTON WV. MY JOB IS SYSTEM TECHNICIAN. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE PHONE COMPANY FOR ALMOST 35 YEARS, AND I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA AND MY JOB.

FROM MY EXPERIENCE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FRONTIER WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE HIGH DEBT AND BAD ECONOMIC'S WITHOUT TRYING TO CUT EXPENSES BY ELIMINATING JOBS & CUTTING SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMER. WE WORK HARD EVERYDAY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE COME TO EXPECT OVER THE YEARS. IF THIS SALE GOES THROUGH, I DONOT BELIEVE FRONTIER WILL BE INVESTING IN HIGH SPEED FIBER IN WV.

WE IN CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLE (KNOWN AS THE REVERSE MORRIS TRUST). WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT SPECULATIVE PAPER TRANSACTION THAT

COULD PUT WORKERS AT RISK. IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES WHO WANTS TO BE SEARCHING FOR A GOOD JOB WITH BENEFITS. THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT AND OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL SOCIAL SERVICES.

PLEASE HELP US BY STANDING UP FOR GOOD JOBS & GOOD SERVICE IN WEST VIRGINIA

THANK YOU SINCERELY,
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